



Meeting Minutes

Las Vegas Citizen Corps Council Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2002

City of Las Vegas Emergency Operations Center – Fire/Rescue Headquarters
500 N. Casino Center Blvd. Las Vegas, NV – 89101

Meeting called to order at 10:04 by Rick Diebold

Individuals present made self-introductions.

Present:

Henry Stein, M.D., retired, Community Emergency Response Team
Ed Ruttan, American Red Cross, Director of Disaster Services
Page Spencer, American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team
Dick Bennett, Retired, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Volunteers in Police Service
Jennifer Sizemore, Clark County Health District
Kathleen Boutin, Clark County Health District
Duane Sonnenberg, Salvation Army
Fran Smith, Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada
Vernell McNeal, Community Emergency Response Team
Sharon Harding, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Volunteer Coordinator
Carolyn F. Carroll, Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, Foster Grandparent Program
Martin Lehtinen, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Rick Diebold, City of Las Vegas Fire-Rescue/OEM

Rick Diebold gave a short explanation about actions and/or events that had taken place since the last meeting. These included the Virtual Forum on November 13, 2002, the approval of the establishment of the City of Las Vegas, Citizen Corps Council by the Management Committee for Emergency Operations and the announcement that the Whitehouse held a formal launch of the Citizen Corps Council on December 4th.

The City of Las Vegas, Citizen Corps Web Site was announced and methods of accessing the web site were explained including using the URL's www.citizencorps.gov and the www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us/fire-rescue. Mr. Diebold asked for requests for links to individual agency web sites be submitted in writing for submission to appropriate personnel.

Clark County Health District personnel questioned the name of the Citizens Corps Council "City of Las Vegas Citizen Corps" and suggested "Southern Nevada Citizen Corps" might be more appropriate to emphasize a more regional approach to citizen involvement. Rick Diebold explained that political jurisdictions cities and/or counties can form Citizen Corps and that the City of Las Vegas had opted to form its own Citizen Corps and that Clark County had also formed a Citizen Corps. The Health District Representative expressed that confusion may be the result and suggested that the City and County might consider working together. Multi-jurisdictional collaboration, as suggested, is conducted through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which will be outlined in the strategic plan.

Strategic Planning Assignments/Volunteers

Ed Ruttan, American Red Cross agreed to work on "A": Identification of Existing Volunteer Programs / Groups that support / compliment Citizen Corps activities that can be adopted, incorporated and/or partnered with.

Fran Smith, Southern Nevada Volunteer Center accepted responsibility for "B": Creation of a menu of volunteer opportunities in which community residents can easily participate and partnering with local not-for-profits and the volunteer center for the development of recruiting strategies.

Rick Diebold, Las Vegas Fire-Rescue/OEM and **Ed Ruttan, American Red Cross**, will work together to develop an action plan for "C": Opportunities for building public awareness

Rick Diebold, Las Vegas Fire-Rescue/OEM will develop "D": Development of a comprehensive citizen-training program using material from each of the representative organizations.

Individuals will have their information to Rick Diebold by January 17, 2003 for inclusion in the next CCC information packet.

At the next meeting we will discuss Council organization and structure Rick Diebold asked each member present to give this subject some thought beforehand.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2003 @ 10:00 to be held at the City of Las Vegas Emergency Operation Center.